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Dyson started toward Rockville and Cla-

gett and the woman followed soon after. When only a short distance from the cor-

poration limits of Rockville and near the Baltimore and Ohlo tracks Clagett, she

said, overtook Dyson and struck him in the head with a fence rail. He continued

to strike him, she said, until the man was dead, and he then dragged his body and placed it on the tracks, and during the night it was run over by a train, thus giving the impression that the man had

been killed by the train.

After making her statement to State's
Attorney Talbott the woman went before
the grand jury and swore to substantially

the same story, and an indictment charg-ing murder was quickly found.

About two weeks ago Clagett was lodged in jail upon the charge of assault with intent to kill, it being charged that he

shot Frank Bowen, a brother of Ella

Bowen, during a quarrel about the girl.

Bowen was not dangerously injured, and

DELEHANTY ASKS CONFERENCE.

Belief That Ball Player Wants to Set-

tle His Status.

DETROIT, Mich., March 20.-President

Fred. Postal of the Washington Ameri-

can League team yesterday received a tel-

egram from Ed. Delehanty, who is at New

Orleans, stating that Delehanty wants a

conference with Manager Loftus of the

The inference drawn from Delehanty's

action yesterday is that he is getting anx-

lous to put an end to the controvery about

his contract. Postal having taken the posi-

tion that Delehanty must play either with

Washington or nowhere, while Delehanty

is said to have been preparing to join the New York National League team.

NEW YALE SOCIETY.

Seniors Not Members of Other Societies

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 20 .- An-

nouncement was made today of the forma-

tion of a new senior class organization at

Yale. The new society, which will be

known as the Elihu Club, has the official

approval of the university authorities. It

is to be non-secret, and its relation to the

present senior societies is interesting, from

the fact that its active membership will be

restricted to those students who are not

Elihu, however, is not regarded as a pro-

test against the present senior societies,

and as an evidence of this fact three grad-uates representing the present societies

have accepted honorary elections. Grad-uates of distinction will receive election.

CLASH WITH THE POLICE.

Students at Budapest Celebrate Kos-

suth's Birthday.

today of the death of Louis Kossuth was

marked by the usual student demonstra-

fessors to suspend their lectures. Subse-

quently the students indulged in noisy

street demonstrations in front of public

buildings and stoned the police. A number

of arrests followed. The deputies of the

Kossuth party finally succeeded in inducing

PRAISE FOR PENNELL.

Yale Classmates Pay Him a High

Tribute.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 20.-The

Yale Alumni Weekly today publishes a long

statement signed by seven members of the

class of '87 in appreciation of the late Ar-

thur R. Pennell of Buffalo, whose death

occurred under such tragic circumstances

a short time after the murder of Edwin L.

Burdick. The article characterizes Pennell

as a man of the finest Yale type. It says

diately preceding his death "was thor-oughly characteristic of the man and served

only to strengthen and confirm the confidence of his friends," and concludes thus:

"Not all the sons of Yale are worthy of

her, but in this man's life she can find no

CROWNINSHIELD RETIRES.

Lowers His Flag on the Chicago at

Rome Today.

inshield, who recently applied for imme-

diate retirement from the navy, today low-

ered his flag on board the cruiser Chicago

and gave up the command of the European

Lieutenant Commander Potts, the United

States naval attache, has obtained permis-

sion to visit the naval stations at Naples.

Castellammare and Spezia.

Ambassador Meyer has obtained permission from the Italian government for the American squadron to make a long stay at

Squadron Will Be Enlarged.

Acting Secretary Darling of the Navy De

partment has been advised that Reaf Admi-

ral A. S. Crowninshield, who was placed on

the retired list today, hauled down his flag

on the United States steamer Chicago at

Naples, and transferred the command of the

European squadron to Capt. James H. Day-

ton, commanding the Chicago, as the senior

officer present. Capt. Dayton will retain

command of the squadron only until the

arrival of the new commander-in-chief,

Rear Admiral P. H. Cooper, who expects

to leave New York for Europe on the 6th

proximo. Capt. Charles C. Cornwell will

relieve Capt. Dayton of command of the Chicago about the same time that Admiral

Cooper assumes command of the station.

The European squadron at present con-

sists of the cruisers Chicago (flagehip), Al-bany and Cincinnati and the gunboat Ma-

chias. The Machias is now at Algiers and

the other vessels are at Naples. It is ex-

pected that the squadron will be increased by at least two more vessels within the next

few months, including the cruiser San Francisco, which was formerly on that

Admiral Crowninshield took official leave

of his associates at Naples, and will proba-bly spend some time traveling in Europe

before returning to the United States. He

was accompanied ashore by his naval secre-tary, Lieut. Henry H. Ward, whose resig-nation from the navy was accepted to take

More Non-Union Men Imported.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 20 .- Forty more

non-union men were brought to the city

today by the American Bridge Company for

work on the New Wabash bridge, and sev-

enteen of these later, it is claimed, deserted

and joined the strikers. The others were escorted to the St. Charles Hotel by a force of detectives, where they are now quar-

Mr. Fiala to Start for Tromsoe.

is to head the polar expedition to be

equipped by William Zeigler of New York,

leaves London tomorrow for Tromsoe. Nor-

LONDON, March 20 .- Anthony Fiala, who

effect today.

ROME, March 20 .- Rear Admiral Crown-

cause for anything but pride."

station.

Naples.

the students to disperse.

tions and collisions with the police. A

BUDAPEST, March 20 .- The anniversary

members of any other senior society. The

Are Eligible.

is now able to be about.

Washington club.

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TWO CENTS.

## COLLIDE IN THE FOG

Serious Disaster to Fall River Steamers.

SIX LOSE THEIR LIVES

MOST OF THESE DROWN IN BERTHS.

Tsunton Crashes Into the Plymouth, Which Was Carrying 500

Passengers.

NEW LONDON, Conn., March 20 .- In the fog which descended upon the waters of Long Island sound last night the big Fall River passenger steamer Plymouth, from New York for Fall River, with 500 passengers and a crew of 200 men, was run down while passing through the Race, by the freight steamer City of Taunton of the same line, bound from New York. A full hundred feet of the starboard side of the vessel was smashed in as if it had been paper, the state rooms of the second cabin were entirely cut away, while down in the hold members of the crew who were asleep in the steerage were drowned by the torrent of water that poured . in through the great gap made by the bows of the freighter.

Although greatly terrified, the people aboard the stricken ship exercised great self-control, and there was no panic. The collision occurred after the vessel had clawed her way up the sound through a fog until she reached a point close east of Gull Island. The City of Taunton drove up out of the fog, and when she was sighted by the officers of the Plymouth was too

to avoid the collision. There was a quick exchange of signals and then the crash. The bow of the City of Taunton penetrated ten feet into the hull of the Plymouth, and as she backed away she raked the upper works of the passenger vessel, tearing out the second sabin and ripping the state rooms to pieces. Water poured into the hold and drowned the men

Plymouth Headed for Port.

The Plymouth was immediately headed for this city. It was thought at one time that the ship's company would have to take to the boats, but the closing of the collision bulkheads prevented the water from gaining, and the vessel made the harbor and wharf unassisted.

There was no way of telling immediately how many persons perished. Six are dead certainly, and in the mass of debris from the wrecked cabin and state rooms there may be several more bodies, while in the thousand students hoisted mourning flags live in and work in. The towns at either steerage it is thought there are bodies of over the university and compelled the proothers drowned besides those reported. As the Plymouth was being made fast to the wharf there was seen to be a hole ten feet square in her hull on the starboard side about thirty-five feet from her bow. had been carried away, including the entire second cabin and seven state rooms on the saloon deck.

List of Casualties.

The known dead-John McCarthy, watchman, head cut off; Snow Coleman, negro, pantryman, drowned; Julius Dawson, negro, mess man, drowned; John Bristol, negro, waiter, drowned; John William, negro, baker, drowned; Jonathan W. Thompson, Wilkesbarre, Pa., skull shattered.

The injured-Patrick Daley, coal trimmer, New York, arm torn off; Michael Kilduff, passenger, Boston, right foot cut; unknown man, severe scalp wound; unknown woman, cut on cheek; Italian immigrant, cut on forehead; Samuelson, scratched about face and bruised about the body.

Jonathan W. Thompson of Wilkebarre, Pa., one of the dead was identified by papers found in his clothes. He was about fifty years of age.
Of the injured it is thought Patrick Daley

cannot recover. His right arm was torn Capt. Davis of the Plymouth declined to

make any statement concerning the acci-dent at this time. Capt. T. H. Low of the United States Marine Corps, with Lieut. William C. Harlee and seventy-five marines, occupied the second cabin on the side where the crash was felt. All of the marines carried their spare clothes in their knapsacks, and most of the latter are thought to be lost. None of the marines was killed or injured.

The City of Taunton made this port at 5:45 o'clock this morning with her bows stove in and her pumps working. Her bulkhead saved her from sinking.

Stories of Narrow Escapes.

Many stories of narrow escapes from death or serious injury were told by passengers on the Plymouth. M. H. Zack and wife of Taunton occupied the state room adjoining that of Mr. Thompson, who was killed. Both were severely bruised. Zack said they were awakened by the impact of the colliding vessels. Their cabin was crushed like an eggshell. "We were thrown violently to the floor," he said, "and the wreckage piled upon us, but by a superhuman effort I pushed upward with my head and succeeded in freeing myself. Then I went to the aid of my wife. She was in a half fainting condition when I tore the wisted and splintered wreckage off her, but succeeded in getting her to the main saloon, where she was revived."

Mr. Zack praised the conduct of the steamer's officers, who, he said, displayed great coolness and energy.
Miss Magdalene Fay of Baltimore had a narrow escape from death. Her room was No. 200, on the starboard side. She had taken her key early in the night and was just on the point of unlocking the door of her state room to retire when she met young friend. The latter induced Miss Fay to go to her room to spend the night. The room which Miss Fay had been on the point of occupying was wiped out. All her effects

## GRAND JURY HOLDS CLAGETT. Charged With Murder of Charles Dy-

son Last Fourth of July. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. ROCKVILLE, Md., March 20.-Upton Clagett, colored, has been indicted by the grand jury for murder. He is charged with having deliberately killed Charles Dyson, also colored, on the night of July 4. The following morning Dyson's mangled body was found near the Baltimore and Ohio railroad tracks, and a coroner's jury decided that he had been killed by a train, a verdict that was in accordance with

general belief. That he had met with foul play was not suspected until recently, when, from remarks let fall by Ella Bowen, a young colored woman of this place, an investigation was started by Deputy Sheriffs Meads and Selby, the result being that the Bowen woman was this afternoon placed under arrest. She was put through a sweat by State's Attorney Taibott and finally weakened and told what is believed to be a true story of how Dyson met his death.

The woman stated she, in company with Clagett, attended a picnic at Hayti, a colored settlement near this place, and that while there her escort became displeased because Dyson talked to her, and he threated to "fix" him. Later in the evening to start in June.

Steps to Be Taken After Ratification of Treaty.

FIRST THE COMMISSION

NO DELAY IN COMMENCING WORK EXPECTED.

Two Cities to Be Cleaned Up-No Revolutionists to Hold Up Trains-Immense Engineering Feats.

All eyes will soon be turned toward Coombia, watching developments in that country in connection with the ratification of the Panama canal treaty. The United States government is ready with the cash, the men, the plans and all that is needful o commence work on the canal when the diplomatic negotiations are concluded and the title deeds passed.

Assuming that Colombia will ratify the treaty, that the French Canal Company will pass title to the real property involved and that the way will be made clear for actual operations, it may be of interest to look ahead to the next steps to be taken. As soon as it is certain that the treaty is to be ratified by Colombia, the President of the United States will appoint the canal commissioners authorized by the Spooner act. That commission will supersede the present canal commission, but probably includ-ing some of the members, who have famillarized themselves with conditions on the isthmus and in connection with the canal work. The commission will consist of seven members, who will be paid safaries commensurate with the importance of their

work.
All the work will be done under the direction of the canal commission and the President of the United States. The com-mission undoubtedly will be permanent and will continue as long as the canal continues to administer it. Appointments on the commission, therefore, will be eagerly sought.

No Delay in Beginning Work.

There will be no delay in commencing actual work. The canal has been commenced and a portion of the work materially progressed. Machinery to the value of several million dollars already is installed, and it will simply be a question of putting new men in control.

But the very first thing that Uncle Sam will do in the way of actual work will be to "clean up the isthmus," as one official expressed it today. That will be an important task-to improve the sanitary conditions and make the place fit for northern men to over the university and compelled the pro- end of the route will be thoroughly cleaned, sewered and provided with waterworks Everything inhabited by human beings will be disinfected and whitewashed. The hospitals will be restocked and renovated. Yankee doctors and Yankee methods will be installed and the deadly climatic effects reduced to a minimum. There will be a 'scrubbing day" such as that region and those people have never known. On the Isthmus of Panama, after Uncle Sam takes hold, there will be two cardinal rules, "Cleanliness and godliness," and for a little while the first mentioned will proba-

bly take precedence, for upon it will hang all the law and the profits. Government ownership of railroads will be realized on the isthmus. The United States will operate and own the Panama railroad, as well as some steamships connecting therewith. There will be large signs at appropriate intervals along the railway warning the Central American revolutionists to look out for the cars. The playful habit of the Colombian dictators of holding up trains will be promptly discontinued. There will be no monkeying with the switch in the

his course during the trying days imme-Two Immense Engineering Feats. Yankee ingenuity and determination will be brought into full play in the construction of the great work. Two immense engineering feats are to be performed. The most monstrous "cut" known to engineer-

future.

ing will be made on the isthmus, when the canal will be dug through a hill 320 feet high and half a mile long.

Another great work will be the construction of the Bohlo dam. They will have to go down 120 feet for a foundation, and the dam will be 220 feet from top to bottom and half a mile long. All of these immense projects will require men and mandation. chinery and material, world without end. The men will have to be fed and clothed and doctored, and all of that will make

Dusiness good for somebody.

The money for the project has been provided. The government of Colombia will get \$10,000,000; the French Canal Company will get \$40,000,000. The cost of the canal's completion will be \$135,000,000, and that sum will be provided by the issuance of bonds of the United States as the money is needed. The canal commission will have \$10,000,-

000 in cash at hand after Colombia and the canal company have been paid with which to make a start. As rapidly as other sums are needed the bonds will be sold and the coin supplied. A great deal of foreign labor will be used in this work. There is no prohibition against engaging contract labor from Europe, and the greater part of the heavy work will be done by labor of that class, but all under the supervision of Yankee engineers and officials.

MENACE TO THE SERVICE.

Putting Midshipmen in Command of Gun Divisions Condemned. Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic station, has made a report to the Navy Department in which he says the practice of assigning young and inexperienced midshipmen to the command of gun divisions on war vessels, that has grown out of the lack of officers in the navy, is a menace to the service and a serious danger

to the fleet under his command. The admiral says the recent evolutions of his fleet brought forth satisfactory results in the way of general drills, but showed that the division details are badly and often mproperly conducted. In his opinion the inexperience of the young midshipmen should necessarily preclude their assignment as instructors of guns' crews and officers in charge of turrets containing 8 and 10-inch guns.

MINISTER GRISCOM'S GIFT.

Presented Lithographs of the Emancipation Proclamation. Mr. Lloyd Griscom, formerly minister to Persia and now minister to Japan, is now

in the city, on his way to his new post of duty. He has presented the State Department with two lithographic copies of the emancipation proclamation of President Lincoln, believed to be the only exact copies in existence.

According to the story that reaches the State Department, President Lincoln loaned the original emancipation proclamation to a society of ladies, who desired to exhibit the famous paper and to use the money thus collected for charitable purposes.

After the death of Lincoln the paper was left in the possession of that society in way, to complete the fitting out of the ex-pedition's steamer America. He will return to the United States in April and will be

Chicago and was burned in the fire that nearly destroyed that city.

It seems that Mr. Griscom's father, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, made several lithographic copies of the proclamation while it was in Chicago, and that the two now presented to the State Department are the last in existence. They are in fairly good condition and will be exhibited at the St. Louis fair.

AT THE WHITE Chicago and was burned in the fire that

FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTERS.

A Post Office in South Dakota Named After the President. Miss Marie M. Simmons was commission

ed postmistress at Roosevelt, S. D., this morning. This post office has just sprung into existence and is named in honor of the President. There were forty fourthclass postmasters appointed today, of whon thirty-three are to fill places made vacant through death or resignation, and two will fill vacancles occasioned by the removal of the former postmaster at the expiration of four years' service. Of those appointed the following were for Maryland and Vir

ginia:
Maryland-Kennedy Simms, Beltsville,
Prince George's county, vice Sarah Simms,
removed; Rosa Frazee, Selbysport, Garremoved; Rosa Frazee, Selbysport, Garrett county, vice E. J. Stuck, resigned.
Virginia—Joseph A. Howard, Admant,
Lee county, vice Samuel L. Redwine, removed; Mariah J. Tolbert, Clear Fork,
Bland county, vice James J. Biship, resigned; James S. Hamilton, Waugh, Bedford county, vice John J. Wright, resigned.

A REPORT UPON THE POTATO. Consul General Mason Discusses It as

a Source of Wealth. Mr. Frank H. Mason, the American consul general at Berlin, has transmitted to the State Department an exhaustive report upon the potato as a source of wealth in Germany. There was recently held in Berlin an exposition of apparatus, machinery and products typifying the manufacture and technical uses of alcohol in Germany, and including in its scope everything relating to the culture and economic use of the potato as human food, feed for domestic animals, material for the manufacture of alcohol and as material for starch and subsidiary products. Mr. Mason says the total area and product of potato culture in Germany have ranged during recent years from 32,329,000 metric tons, grown on 7,631,975 acres in 1896, to 48,687,000 tons grown on 8,297,080 acres in 1901, and that out of 26, 250,000 hectares of arable land in the Ger man empire 3,309,000 hectares, or 12.5 per cent of the whole, were planted with potatoes. Estimates for 1906 show that for every 10,000 inhabitants of the fatherland there were planted in that year 160 acres of potatoes, as against 112 acres in Austria, 98 acres in France, 31 acres in Great Britain and Ireland and 34.8 acres in the United States. At the recent exposition there was displayed a collection of more than 600 samples of potatoes grown at 28 farms and experiment stations throughout the empire.

TO SUPPRESS BEVOLT.

Troops Sent to Put Down Rebellion in Wantung, China.

A cablegram received at the State De-McWade at Canton says; Viceroy Teson today dispatched troops to suppress an incipient rebellion at Yam Chow, in the province of Kwantung."

TO INSPECT WEST POINT.

Board of Visitors to the Military Academy Appointed.

The President has announced the selection of the following gentlemen to serve as members of the board of visitors to the West Point Military Academy: D. B. Henderson of Iowa, George F. Baxter of Colorado, Col. Asbury Coward, president of the South Carolina Military Institute; Joseph G. Darlington of Philadelphia, William A. Pew, jr., of Boston; the Rev. Ernest M. Stiers, D. D., St. Thomas' Church, New York, and J. G. Schmidlapp of Cincinnati.

Army Orders.

Second Lieut. Charles S. Frank, 21st Infantry, has been ordered to Washington barracks, District of Columbia, for surgical treatment at the United States general hospital at that place.

Second Lieut. James P. Castleman, 2d Cavalry, at his own request, has been transferred to the 12th Cavalry, Troop H, and ordered to join that troop. The following named officers have been

ordered to examination for promotion; Second Lieuts. R. B. Ellis, 18th Cavalry; H. L. Evans, 9th Infantry; Walter Harvey, 16th Infantry; Joseph W. Lacour, 16th Infantry; John B. Shuman, 28th Infantry; W. P. Kitts, 21st Infantry, and Charles G. Lawrence, 15th Infantry. Second Lieuts. Martin Novak and Frederick G. Kellond, 19th Infantry, have been ordered to examination at San Francisco for promotion.

Naval Orders.

Acting Assistant Surgeon P. L. Cocke, to the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Warrant Machinist J. Hill (retired), when discharged treatment at the naval hospital, Mare Island, Cal., to his home. Ensign E. P. Svarz, from the Oregon to

the New Orleans. Capt. N. H. Hall, from the Kentucky to First Lieut. E. E. West, to the Cavite Boatswain A. Whipkey, from the Yoko-hama hospital to the Rainbow.

Personal Mention.

Mr. W. W. Ellsworth of New York and Mr. L. P. Tower of Providence, R. I., are at the Shoreham. Mr. Lewis A. Seedergey of Chicago and Mr. H. L. Hoeffer of Cincinnati are at the

Arlington. Mr. F. E. Lewis of New York and Mr. George C. Lee, jr., of Boston are at the New Willard. Mr. A. B. Davis of Milwaukee and Mr. C. G. Blake of Cincinnati are at the

James Edgar Smith of this city was today admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States on motion of Mr. J. Altheus Johns Mr. A. J. Halford and family have gone to California, where they expect to remain until next fall.

Commissioner Richards of the general land office is suffering from a had cold and is confined to his house. Mr. Richards' illness is not regarded as serious, although he will not return to his office until he feels

Marine Corps Orders. Second Lieut. Cleyburn McCauley has

been detached from duty at the marine barracks, Newport, R. I., and ordered to the navy yard, New York, to take charge of a navy yard, New York, to take charge of a detachment of twenty-eight enlisted men to be taken from New York to Key West. They will report for duty at the marine barracks, Dry Tortugas, Fia.

Major W. P. Biddle has been granted leave of absence for two months.

Second Lieut. E. T. Fryer has been assigned to duty at the marine barracks, Newport.

On the South Atlantic Station. The Gloucester arrived at Para yesterday

No Change in President's Program

IN CASE OF CHICAGO

WILL GO THERE ON SCHEDULE TIME REGARDLESS OF ELECTION.

Large Number of Senators Among the Callers Today-The Cabinet

Meeting.

President Roosevelt today gave the two Illinois senators-Cullom and Hopkins-the information that he has no intention of changing his projected visit to Chicago April 2 because of the complaint of Mayor Harrison of Chicago that the President's visit is designed to have political effect on the mayoralty election in that city to be held in less than a week after the President is there. Friends of Graeme Stewart, the republican candidate for mayor, had suggested that he might lose strength if Mayor Harrison could convince the voters of Chicago that the President was indirectly interfering in the mayoralty fight by going to Chicago. But the matter has been considered in all its lights, and the President will make the visit according to schedule. 'Mayor Harrison has been acting under an entire misapprehension," said Senator Cullom, "and this fact will be readily seen. The President will make an address while in the city, but he will make no reference to political affairs." The President will deliver an address in the Auditorium on the afternoon of April 2 and at night will be

entertained at a banquet, the place for which has not been decided upon. The mayoralty fight in Chicago is at red heat and will be at its most acute stage when the President gets to the city. Mayor Harrison declares that the visit of the Chief Executive is designed as an interference to aid the republicans and is using this already in his campaign. Senator Cullom says the President didn't remember that a ity election was to be held in Chicago when his ltinerary for the western trip was made up. Mayor Harrison, however, charges that the visit was purposely made up to indirectly influence the election. The mayor is making all the capital possible out of this charge, which is denied by the republicans.

Senators Meet Again.

Although the Senate adjourned vesterday it was practically in session at the White House again today, a large number of senators going there to talk with the President about different matters before they leave the city and some paying their farewell calls. Many of them will go out of town today. During the next week the Presipartment today from United States Consul dent will probably have few congressional callers, and will have some time to dis-pose of important business before getting away from Washington on his long west ern tour. He will naturally desire to clean up as much work as possible before leaving here for such a long time. Athough he will be in close touch with Washington throughout his journey he will not want to make a business trip of the affair. He is hoping to get some pleasure out of the long tour, and to avoid as much business as possible. Cabinet officers who remain in Washington will take care of much of the work that usually falls upon the

The callers before the cabinet meeting this morning included Senators Beveridge, Dolliver, Allison, Perkins, Long, Kean, Dietrich, Aldrich, Wetmore, Foster, Mitchell, McComas, Ankeny and Lodge. Senato Perkins presented Franklin K. Lane, the brilliant California democrat who lacked only a few thousand votes of being elected governor of the state in November last.

An Important Report. Ex-Governor Atkinson of West Virginia, United States attorney of the southern district, of that state, today presented the President with an important report made by the grand jury to Judge Benjamin F. Ke'ler on the recent conflict between miners and deputy marshals at Standiford, Raleigh county, W. Va., in which five men were killed and nearly twice as many wounded. The grand jury in Judge Keller's court investigated the tragedy in great detail, and has gone into a full report of the affair. Judge Keller thought it was his duty to send the report to the Department of Justice, and it was submitted to Solicitor General Hoyt, acting attorney general, today by Mr. Atkinson, who brought the report to Washington by direction of the federal judge. Mr. Hoyt directed that the report be laid before the President, as it was regarded as an important document. The grand jury fixes the blame for the tragedy.

Will Stop in Freeport. Representative Hitt of Illinois succeeded in securing a promise from the President this morning that on his return from his western trip he will stop at Freeport, Ill., and attend the exercises to be held there commemorating the location of the spot where the famous debate between Lincoln and Douglas was held in 1858. The place is to be marked by a boulder, and the survivors of the occasion will be present to contribute incidents of this most memorable day. The President will stop at Freeport twenty-five minutes on June 2, which will be on his return from the west. It is expected to have the President speak from the same spot where Lincoln and Douglas

spoke. Either a Crank or a Prevaricator. A weazened little old man with gray hair and whiskers, a dull gray eye, a breath foul with cheap whisky, and a tongue handicapped by both whisky and some natural impediment, hobbled up to the executive offices this morning and said he had called to see the President. "The President promised me a house and a lot of money, and I have come for it," he said. "I am one hundred years old. My birthday was last Monday. I am a salimaker, and was in the United States navy many years." the old man managed to tell in slow detail, and with great writhing of the tongue. The balance of the story was secured from him by slow degrees. He said his name was Barney Hughes, and that he his name was Barney Hughes, and that he lived at 51 York street. Baltimore, with a woman named Polly Lee. He draws a pension of \$17 a month. "My first fight was five miles from here," the old man declared. "That was in 1813, and we whipped the British out at Bladensburg. I have been in many a fight since then." The old man said he had a wife living in Jackson's alley, said he had a wife living in Jackson's alley, this city, but she was too mean to live with, so he preferred to live alone in Baltimore. "My wife is eighty years old, and we were married eight years ago," he said. The secret service men and policemen told him that he must call again. It was later learned that the old man is of a vicious learned that the old man is of a vicious rature, and that only a few days ago he fought a policeman who arrested him in the rear of Chase's Theater.

While Hughes is an extremely old man, he is not one hundred years old, and the conclusion was reached by the White House officials that he was probably off mentally, and was likewise a prevaricator of high standing in that class.

"It's the funniest thing in the world," said a keen secret service man, "that most of these 'bughouse' people come here on

Friday. I have noticed it for a long time jutant general.

that Friday is the worst of all days for muddy-headed people."

The Cabinet Meeting. Only five members of the cabinet attended

today's meeting, and they were in session less than half an hour. Secretary Hay was present for the first time since his return from the south. Secretary Root brought to the cabinet's attention an appeal made to the War Department from Tennessee and other southern states for relief of the sufferers by the Mississippi floods. It is understood that a prompt response was made to the appeal by the cabinet. Secretary Root will furnish the flood sufferers with army tents and perhaps some commissary supplies to the refugees in need of them. The details of the relief have not been worked out yet, but will be as rapidly as

possible.

Both the President and the members of the cabinet expressed great satisfaction with the results accomplished by Congress at the regular session and by the Senate at the extraordinary session which adjourned yesterday. The President believes that more scarcely could have been expected. Both he and the members of the cabinet are satisfied that the Cuban reciprocity treaty will be retified by the Cuban contreaty will be ratified by the Cuban congress as it was ratified by the Senate. The time between this and the 31st instant is short, but is regarded as sufficient to enable the Cuban congress to take action. President Roosevelt is particularly gratified be-cause the American Senate has demonstrated what he regards as the good faith of the United States in extending, so far as it may, the relief of this country to Cuba.

THREE NOTED CROOKS CAUGHT.

Willard, Carney and Moffatt Rounded Up in Chicago Street Car.

CHICAGO, March 20 .- George Willard, sought by the police of two continents for years for a daring \$80,000 robbery committed in Paris, was last night worsted in a revolver fight with two detectives on a crowded street car. With him were arrested Edward Carney, charged with many robberies throughout the country, and William Moffatt, with whom Willard is said to have been operating in Chicago.

The fight which preceded the capture of the three men caused a panic among the

passengers of the street car, in which several women were injured.

Willard has been identified, the police say, as the man who assisted "Mickey" Gleason in the robbery of an express messenger of \$80,000 in gold and bank notes in Paris several years ago. He was arrested in Buffelo later and \$10,000 of the presented in Buffalo later, and \$10,000 of the proceeds of the robbery were found in his possession and confiscated. He escaped from custody, however, before he could be turned over to the Paris authorities. Willard is also want-ed for a bank robbery in Iowa and a diamond robbery in Cleveland, Ohio. Carney is said to be wanted on charges of robbery in Boston, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Chicago. He served four years in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

STOCK PERISHES IN ELIZZARD. Wyoming Ranchmen Say This Has

Been Severe Season. CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 20 .- The blizzard has passed, but the temperature has

Ralph Friend, a prominent Uintah stockman who has arrived, says that the winter has been the severest since 1890. He estimates that throughout southern and central Wyoming stockmen who fed their cat-tle lost from 4 to 6 per cent, and those who did not feed lost from 15 to 30 per cent of their herds. Cattle and sheep were terribly weakened by preceding storms, and perished in large numbers.

ENGINEERS WANT INCREASE. Committee From Erie Railway in Con-

ference With Officials. NEW YORK, March 20 .- A committee of engineers of the Erie railway system is here conferring with officials of the company. The engineers have asked for an increase in pay and have presented in detail their plan for a readjustment of wages. The committee has had two conferences with the officials but have not

yet reached an agreement. An officer of the road said that the company recognized the fact that for certain reasons certain employes of the road shoould receive increased pay, but in the case of the engineers the number of men nvolved was so great and the conditions on the different divisions so various in detail that reaching a settlement with the en-gineers was a slow process. "But there is no reason to believe," the official said, "that the result of the conference will not be entirely satisfactory. The road is willing to give its employes what is generally paid for similar kinds of work."

Big Fire at Sydney, N. S. W. SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 20.-Hentsch's bonded warehouse, containing 10,000 tons of merchandise, was gutted by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

Shot Fired at Opera Singer. GUTHRIE, Okla., March 20.-Mme. Y de La Mothe, an opera singer, was seriously injured last night by some person here shooting through the car window by which she was sitting. The shot broke the glass into atoms, the small pieces severely cutting her face and arms. Her home is

Chicago Strikers Enjoined. CHICAGO, March 20 .- An injunction has

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een granted by Judge Holdom against the officers and members of Sheet Metal Workers' Union, No. 73, their agents and pickets stationed about the plant of the Sykes Steel Roofing Company. It is alleged in the peti-tion for the injunction that a reign of ter-ror has existed since the sheet metal workers went on strike, March 10.

Hardware Men Elect Officers. CHICAGO, March 20 .- The National Retail Hardware Dealers' Association elected officers last night as follows: President, J. L. Bogardus; secretary, M. L. Corey.

A committee of three was appointed to draft the constitution of an insurance so-clety to be conducted in connection with the association.

Legislators Want Passes. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 20.-The ouse and senate have adopted a resolution submitting an amendment to the constitu-

tion requiring all Missouri railroads to grant free transportation over their lines n Missouri to state officials and legislators during their official terms. The penalty at-tached for non-compliance is to be the foreiture of a charter. The amendment will be submitted to popular vote in 1904.

No Woman's Suffrage in Arizona. PHOENIX, Ariz., March 20.-The twenty-second session of the legislature of Aricora closed at midnight. Gov. Brodie last night vetoed the bill for granting suffrage to women.

Gen. Corbin's Departure. Major General Corbin, adjutant general of the army, and Mrs. Corbin left here this

"Who does NOT read The Star?"

It's easier to answer the other question - "WHO reads The Star?"

"Everybody does," say all competent authorities.

## FIRST OFFICIAL STEP

Executing Act to Increase the Army's Efficiency.

A GENERAL ORDER

LOOKING TO THE ORGANIZATION OF A GENERAL STAFF.

Board of Officers Designated to Meet Here March 30 to Make Recommendations.

The first official step toward the execution of the act passed at the past session of Congress "to increase the efficiency of the army" by providing for the establishment of a general staff corps was taken by the President today in the issue of an order providing for the first organization of the general staff.

The text of this order is as follows: War Department, Adjutant General's Office, WASHINGTON, March 20, 1903.

General Orders, No. 35:
By direction of the President a board of officers, to consist of Major General Samuel B. M. Young, Major General Adna R. Chaffee, Major General John C. Bates, Brigadier General William H. Carter, Brigadler General Tasker H. Bliss, Brigadier General Wallace F. Randolph, chief of artillery, and Major Henry A. Greene, United States Infantry, assistant adjutant general, is appointed to meet in this city March 30, 1903, to recommend for detail forty-two offi-1903, to recommend for detail forty-two offi-cers from the army at large, including the existing staff corps and departments and the line, to complete the first organization exclusive of general officers of the general staff as constituted by section 3 of the act approved February 14, 1903. The board will be governed by the probable aptitude and efficiency of officers as established by their records. No applications, recommen-dations or letters, except those submitted through the proper military channels of through the proper military channels of communication to the adjutant general of the army, shall be considered by the board. adjutant general will transmit to the board the efficiency records of all officers now in active service who are graduates of the service schools or have distinguished themselves either in campaign or by the performance of administrative or other spe-cial service, or are specially recommended by superior officers. The board shall have access to the records of all officers, and authority to call for additional papers or evi-dence in any particular case. The mem-bers of the board shall be sworn to perform their duties impartially and without favor

or affection. Vacancies occurring in the general staff corps, after its organization, will be filled upon the recommendation of a permanent crept below zero, and live stock will suffer the three senior officers of the general staff corps on duty at the War Departboard, consisting of the chief of staff, and ment, operating in a similar manner.

In order to avoid having the initial details to the general staff corps terminate at the same time the board will recommend what proportion of officers in each grade shall be relieved at the end of two, three and four years, respectively, the designa-tion of individual officers by name to be so relieved being left to future determina-

The junior member of the board will record the proceedings thereof. Upon the conclusion of the business before the board the members who are not stationed in this city will return to their proper stations. The travel enjoined is necessary for the public service. By command of

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MILES. H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant General, Major General U. S. Army. The New General Staff Corps.

Under the statute the general staff corns will consist of one chief of staff and two general officers, "all to be detailed by the President from officers of the army at large not below the grade of brigadier general," and a number of other officers of subordinate rank. The selection of these subordinate officers will devoive upon the special board- provided for in the above order issued today.

The selection of the principal officers of the general staff will be made by the President, with the single exception of Gen. W. F. Randolph, chief of artillery, who is a member ex-officio. It has been already of-ficially announced that Major General S. B. M. Young, who is to succeed General Miles as lieutenant general in August next, will be the first chief of staff. The other two general officers of the general staff have not been announced, but there is a general impression in military circles that Maj. Gen. H. C. Corbin, adjutant general of the army, and Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss of the War College board will also be assigned to duty as members of the general staff.

general staff.

As prescribed by the law "the duties of the general staff corps shall be to prepare plans for the national defense and for the mobilization of the military forces in time of war; to investigate and report upon all questions affecting the efficiency of the army and its state of preparation for mili-tary operations; to render professional aid and assistance to the Secretary of War and to general officers and other superior commanders, and to act as their agents in informing and co-ordinating the action of all the different officers who are subject under the terms of this act to the supervision of the chief of staff; and to perform such other military duties not otherwise assigned by law as may be from time to time pre-scribed by the President."

To Play in Cable Chess Match.

NEW YORK, March 20.-The following ten players have been selected by the Brooklyn Chess Club to represent America in the forthcoming cable chess match with Great Britain on April 3 and 4: H. N. Pillsbury, F. J. Marshall, J. F. Barry, A. B. Hodges, Edward Hymes, H. G. Volght, C. I. Newman, Eugene Delmar, G. S. Howell and Hermann Helms.

Pillebury and Marshall will play their respective games over the boards in London, as they did last year.

Negotiations are under way for a cable chess match between the Manhattan Chess Club of this city and the Havana Chess Club of Havana, Cuba.

Texas Rivers Rising.

HOUSTON, Texas, March 20 .- Heavy rains set in again yesterday over the entire state, and last night the rivers are reported to be rising rapidly. Some damage has been done to railroads.

Italian Accused of Two Murders. NEW YORK, March 20 .- The police have arrested Giuseppe Miciche, an Italian, accused of having killed Anthony McHugh and Jas. Kearney in a street fight at Pittston, Pa., March 15 last.

War Medals for American Nurses. LONDON, March 20.-War Secretary Brodrick in a printed reply in tthe house of commons to a question of Harold J. Tennant, liberal, says instructions were Georgia for a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould. During General Corbin's absence Col. William P. Hall will act as adjutant general.